

**11.16.310 Rates and charges for sewage disposal service.** For the use of and the services rendered by sewage works, rates and charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with the City sanitary system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the City of Jasper. Such rates and charges include User Charges, debt service costs, excessive strength surcharges and other service charges, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

- (1) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water entering the City sanitary system from the property or premises, as the same is measured by the water meter or flowmeter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter or flowmeter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of billing and collecting the rates and charges for sewage service, the water meters or flowmeters shall be read monthly and the users shall be billed monthly (or period equaling a month). The schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined as follows:

All Users

- (a) Treatment Rate per 100 cubic feet per month:

	<u>User</u>	<u>Debt</u>	
	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$1.85	\$0.83	\$2.68
plus			

- (b) Base Rate - as follows:

	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>		
<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>User</u>	<u>Debt</u>	
	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8-3/4 inch meter	\$ 5.39	\$3.40	\$8.79
1 inch meter	11.30	8.50	19.80
1 1/2 inch meter	24.30	19.72	44.02
2 inch meter	40.85	34.00	74.85
3 inch meter	92.07	78.20	170.27
4 inch meter	159.05	136.00	295.05
6 inch meter	359.99	309.40	669.39

- (2) For users of the sewage works that are unmetered or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined as an average of single family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). The schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

Monthly Rate

	<u>User Charge</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Residential:			
Single family residence/unit	\$17.42	\$8.80	\$26.22

Unmetered Non-Residential Single Family Dwelling Units shall be charged a rate to be determined by the City on an individual basis by applying the above metered rates to estimated usage and meter size.

- (3) For the service rendered to the City of Jasper said City shall be subject to the same rates and charges hereinabove provided, or to rates and charges established in harmony therewith.
- (4) In order to recover the cost of monitoring industrial wastes the City shall charge the user the actual cost of monitoring but not less than \$75.00 per sampling event. This charge will be reviewed on the same basis as all other rates and charges in the ordinance.
- (5) All property owners, ratepayers, and other interested parties residing outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Jasper, served or to be served by the sewerage works of the City of Jasper, shall be subject to all provisions, and the rate schedules, established by the Sewer Rate Ordinance. A seventy-five percent (75%) surcharge shall be applied to the debt service portion of the rates for those users outside the corporate limits of the City. (Ord. 1997-45, S3(e), 1997; Ord. 1997-11, 1997; Ord. 1995-37, S3(e), 1995; Ord. 1993-14, S1, 1993; Ord. 1993-4, S3(e), 1993)
- (6) Adjusting charge for lawn sprinkling. In order that the residential and domestic users of sewage services shall not be penalized for sprinkling lawns, washing cars, watering gardens, etc. during the months of July, August and September the billing for sewer services for a residential and domestic user for the months of July, August and September of a particular year shall be based upon that user's average daily water usage billed during the months of February, March, and April of that year (winter daily average). Residential and domestic sewage services applicable to the Summer Sewer Discount shall apply to each lot, parcel of real estate, or building which is occupied and used as a residence. The Summer Sewer Discount shall not apply to any premises which are partially used for commercial or industrial purposes. In the event a portion of such premises shall be used for commercial or industrial purposes, the owner shall have the privilege of separating the water services so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a

separate water meter, and in such case the water usage registered by the water meter serving each portion of the premises used for residential purposes would qualify for the Summer Sewer Discount. (Ord. 1999-12, S1, 1999; Ord. 1997-45, S3(f), 1997; Ord. 1988-37 S3, 1988; Ord. 518 S2(f), 1960)

The winter daily average shall be determined by taking the total usage (in cubic feet) being billed on the bills dated February, March, and April, and dividing by 90. If the resulting number is less than 10 cubic feet, said number shall be reset to a minimum 10 cubic feet (75 gallons).

The summer usage being billed during each billing period will be averaged based on the total number of days begin billed (summer daily average) and then multiplied by the number of days begin billed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> (pro-rated summer usage). The winter daily average multiplied by the same number of days being billed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> (pro-rated winter average) shall be subtracted from the pro-rated summer usage. The difference between the pro-rated summer usage and the pro-rated winter usage shall be applied against the rates and entered on the bill as a separate negative entry and identified as "Summer Sewer Discount".

The Summer Sewer Discount will not be allowed if the pro-rated winter usage is greater than the pro-rated summer usage.

- (7) From the revenues of the Sewer Utility, an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual revenue requirements shall be maintained in the operation and maintenance fund. (Ord. 1997-11, 1997; Ord. 1995-37, S3, 1995; Ord. 1993-4, S1,2,3, 1993; Ord. 1988-7 S1,2,3, 1988; Ord. 1987-10 S1,2, 1987; Ord. 1286 S1,2,3, 1987; Ord. 1209 S1, 1985; Ord. 1185, 1984; Ord. 1168 S1, 1984; Ord. 1134 S1, 1983; Ord. 1099 S1, 1982; Ord. 1056, S1, 1981; Ord. 929 S1, 1978; Ord. 821 S1,2, 1975; Ord. 779 S1, 1974; Ord. 556 S1, 1964; Ord. 518 S1, 1960)
- (8) Special Situation Rebates. Rebates shall be allowed in special situations where excess non-sewered water is used. Such special situations shall be limited to:
  - (a) The installation of a new lawn or new landscaping.
  - (b) The filling of swimming pools; and
  - (c) Any other water usage situation that is in the sole discretion of the Wastewater Manager, one in which the water usage:
    - 1. Is excessive;

2. Is a non-recurring phenomenon;
3. Is reasonably verifiable; and
4. Does not result in the water's disposal in the sanitary sewer system.

"Excessive" means that the usage is equal to or greater than 400 cubic feet as compared to the customer's previous three months' usage. To qualify, the customer must submit a written request to the Wastewater Manager describing the special situation. The request must be filed with the Wastewater Manager no later than 60 days after the termination of the situation for which the request is made. The Wastewater Manager shall approve the request only if he, in his sole discretion, reasonably exercised, finds that the situation falls within any of those described above.

The amount of the rebate shall be determined by taking the highest monthly usage from three months immediately preceding the month in which the special situation occurred and subtracting it from the usage of the special situation month. The difference in usage, over and above the 400 cubic feet, will be applied against the rate schedule and the customer's account will be adjusted accordingly. If the customer has no prior history for comparison, the normal usage of a similar customer will be used.

Rebates will not be allowed during the months where the Summer Sewer Discount, as previously defined in this ordinance, is in effect.

Any dispute arising with respect to qualification, calculations, or usage shall be resolved by the Wastewater Manager in his sole discretion, reasonably exercised. Any such decision of the Wastewater Manager shall be final and reviewable only for abuse of discretion. (Ord. 1999-13, S1, April 21, 1999)

#### **11.16.313 Rates and charges for 2001 Extensions.**

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| (1) | For use of and the services rendered by the sewage works to users of the 2001 Extensions, the monthly Debt |
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Service Surcharge shall be determined as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Rate per Month</u>
5/8-3/4	inch meter	\$ 29.95
1	inch meter	74.90
1 1/2	inch meter	173.70
2	inch meter	299.50
3	inch meter	688.85
4	inch meter	1,198.00
6	inch meter	2,725.45

The monthly debt service surcharges set out above shall be in addition to all other applicable sewage rates and charges of the City of Jasper and shall begin July 1, 2002. (Ord. 2002-12, S2(1), May 22, 2002). (Ord. 2001-24, S2(1), 2001)

- (2) The City and Dubois County, Indiana, have both adopted ordinances requiring connection to a public sanitary sewer system if one becomes available. In the event that the residents currently located within the area to be serviced by the 2001 Extensions meet the requirements for connection under both ordinances, they will be notified once the system is available and must follow all the requirements of the City of Jasper ordinance in effect at that time with regards to mandatory connection, and pay all fees associated therewith. In the event the property owner would not be required to connect under the County ordinance, but would be required to connect under the City ordinance, the owner may elect to defer their connection until the time that the County ordinance would require connection, but would be subject to the deferred debt service fee, as set out in Section 11.16.313(3) below, in addition to normal connection, inspection, and/or availability fees when they are required to connect. (Ord. 2002-12, S2(2), May 22, 2002) (Ord. 2001-24, S2(2), 2001)
- (3) The deferred debt service fee for deferring connection to the 2001 Extensions under 11.16.313(2) above shall be the rate per month based on meter size as stated in 11.16.313(1) above, starting July 1, 2002 and continuing until the Connection Permit is issued. Said deferred debt service fee shall be billed each month starting in July of 2002 and shall accumulate in the property owner's account until the total accumulated fees become due and payable at the time the Connection Permit is issued. Subsequent debt service fees as stated in 11.16.313(1) above shall become due and payable each month thereafter along with normal user fees as set forth in Ordinance 1997-45 to which this amendment is attached. The deferred debt service fee shall be in addition to all other connection, inspection, and/or availability fees of the City of Jasper. (Ord. 2002-12, S2(3), May 22, 2002) (Ord. 2001-24, S2(3), 2001)

**11.16.315 Rates and charges for contractual users.** Transportation and/or treatment rates and charges shall be established for each qualifying user who has contracted with or is intending to contract with the City for transportation and/or treatment of sewage. Each contractual user shall have a rate specifically designed by the Jasper Municipal Sewage Works based upon each contractual user's flow and treatment characteristics. The City reserves the right to amend the transportation and/or treatment rates and charges in the event a substantial or material change in the contractual user's flow and treatment characteristics is identified after passage of this ordinance. The following qualified users who have contracted for or who are intending to contract for transportation and/or treatment of sewage are:

- (1) Ireland-Madison Township Conservancy District. The Ireland-Madison Township Conservancy District shall be considered a user outside the corporate boundaries of the City and shall pay a base charge each month regardless of flow. In addition to the monthly base charge, the Ireland-Madison Township Conservancy District shall pay a treatment rate based on actual flow metered at each point where the Ireland-Madison Township Conservancy District is connected to the Jasper Municipal Sewage Works. The schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

(a)	Base Rate:	\$2,260.00
	plus	
(b)	Treatment Rate per 100 cubic feet (Ord. 1997-45, S4, 1997)	\$ 1.74